tor in the country as at the end of 1981 and 1985; and

(b) the factors responsible for the rise or decline in employment of women?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) According to the information collected under the Employment Market Information (EMI) Programme of D.G.E. & T., the tota! number of women workers in the organised manufacturing sector at the end of the years 1981 and 1984 was 581.4 thousands and 576.9 thousands, respectively. The data for the year 1985 is not available.

(b) Factors responsible for the change in employment are not available.

Recruitment in private sector through Employment Exchanges

29. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any Acts, Rules or Regulations providing for mandatory recruitment by the private sector companies through Employment Exchanges;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether the provisions of the Acts, Rules and Regulations are strictly adhered to; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government are considering to take steps for enacting any legislation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

ILO report regarding workforce in India

30. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in International Labour Organisations recent report it has been stated that 46 per cent of the workforce in India is under-employed;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government have made any study of the incidence of under-employment in India; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) This statement is not verifiable in the absence of the title of the specific ILO Report/Publication.

(b) In view of reply to (a) above, does not arise.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The information on incidence of under-utilisation was collected by the National Sample Survey Organisation in its 32nd (1977-78) round for studying incidence of under-employment. This has since been published by the Department of Statistics, and may please be referred to.

Indians living in foreign countries

31. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Indians who are at present living in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Latin American Countries, country-wise; and

(b) the number of Indians who have accepted the citizenship of these countries, country-wise during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) A statement giving estimated number country-wise of Indian citizens, residing in these countries, is attached. (*See* below)

(b) Estimated number of Indians who have so far accepted the citizenship of these countries is indicated in the attached statement.